



# Press Release

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On: TEXAS WHEAT PRODUCTION  
DOWN 66 PERCENT FROM LAST YEAR

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AUSTIN . . . The 2006 Texas winter wheat crop is forecast at 32.5 million bushels, down 66 percent from last year and 70 percent lower than 2004. This estimate is down 7 percent from the May forecast.

According to a June 1 survey conducted by the Texas Field Office, statewide yield is expected to average 25 bushels per acre, down 7 bushels from last year and 2 bushels lower than the May forecast. Harvested acreage, at 1.3 million acres, is down 57 percent from the 2005 crop but identical to May.

"We haven't seen wheat production this low since 1971. Seed availability will be a problem for next season's crop," reports State Director Dave Abbe.

Production on the Northern High Plains is forecast at 13.0 million bushels, down 77 percent from last year. Winter wheat production on the Blacklands is forecast at 8.6 million bushels, up 39 percent from last year. The Low Plains' production is estimated at 6.2 million bushels, down 69 percent from last year. Production on the Southern High Plains is forecast at 2.1 million bushels, 34 percent lower than the 2005 crop.

On June 1, harvest was in full swing in North Central Texas and was progressing northwards.

United States winter wheat production for 2006 is forecast at 1.26 billion bushels, a decrease of 16 percent from last year and 4 percent lower than the May forecast. Yield is expected to average 40.5 bushels per acre, down 3.9 bushels from a year ago and down 1.9 bushels from the last forecast. Acreage to be harvested for grain is expected to total 31.2 million acres, 8 percent lower than a year ago but unchanged from May.

# TEXAS WHEAT: ACREAGE, YIELD AND PRODUCTION, 2005 AND 2006 <sup>1/</sup>

Districts	Planted acres		Harvested acres		Yield per acre		Production	
	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006
	<u>1,000 acres</u>		<u>1,000 acres</u>		<u>Bushels</u>		<u>1,000 bushels</u>	
1-N .....	2,268	2,200	1,572	450	35.8	28.9	56,246	13,000
1-S .....	422	510	113	75	28.1	28.0	3,170	2,100
2-N .....	647	560	330	190	28.4	15.3	9,358	2,900
2-S .....	954	870	441	190	23.7	17.4	10,471	3,300
3 .....	470	530	138	60	26.6	21.7	3,671	1,300
4 .....	345	650	176	270	35.3	31.9	6,208	8,600
7 .....	240	230	147	45	29.8	18.9	4,385	850
8-N .....	74	60	50	13	29.6	23.1	1,479	300
Other districts <sup>2/</sup> .....	80	90	33	7	30.7	21.4	1,012	150
<b>STATE</b> .....	<b>5,500</b>	<b>5,700</b>	<b>3,000</b>	<b>1,300</b>	<b>32.0</b>	<b>25.0</b>	<b>96,000</b>	<b>32,500</b>

<sup>1/</sup> Preliminary, June 2006. <sup>2/</sup> Districts with less than 50,000 acres planted are included in other districts.

